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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

1. ON FEB 11 REVISED WORKING PAPER AND EXPLANATORY  
MEMORANDUM ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS CIRCULATED (DOC. NO.  
CDDH/IV/201, DATED FEB 7). PAPER IS CO-SPONSORED BY AUSTRIA,  
EGYPT, MEXICO, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.  
NEW PAPER REPLACED DOC. CDDH/DT/2 OF FEB 1974.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WORKING PAPER:

"I. INCENDIARY WEAPONS

INCINDIARY WEAPONS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FOR USE.

A. THIS PROHIBITION SHALL APPLY TO:

THE USE OF ANY MUNITION WHICH IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO  
SET FIRE TO OBJECTS OR TO CAUSE BURN INJURY TO PERSONS  
THROUGH THE ACTION OF FLAME AND/OR HEAT PRODUCED BY A  
CHEMICAL REACTION OF A SUBSTANCE DELIVERED ON THE TARGET.  
SUCH MUNITIONS INCLUDE FLAME-THROWERS, INCENDIARY  
SHELLS, ROCKETS, GRENADES, MINES AND BOMBS.

B. THIS PROHIBITION SHALL NOT APPLY TO:

1. MUNITIONS WHICH MAY HAVE SECONDARY OR  
INCIDENTAL INCENDIARY EFFECT, SUCH AS ILLUMINANTS,  
TRACERS, SMOKE, OR SIGNALLING SYSTEMS.

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2. INCENDIARY MUNITIONS WHICH ARE DESIGNED AND USED SPECIFICALLY FOR DEFENCE AGAINST AIRCRAFT OR ARMoured VEHICLES. X) (FOOTNOTE X: THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATING THE SECOND EXCEPTION IN ORDER THAT THE PROHIBITION OF INCENDIARY MUNITION BE TOTAL. THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER THAT THE SECOND EXCEPTION BE FORMULATED SOMEWHAT MORE BROADLY. END FOOTNOTE)

II. ANTI-PERSONNEL FRAGMENTATIONS WEAPONS  
ANTI-PERSONNEL CLUSTER WARHEADS OR OTHER DEVICES WITH MANY BOMBLETS WHICH ACT THROUGH THE EJECTION OF A GREAT NUMBER OF SMALL CALIBRED FRAGMENTS OR PETTETS ARE PROHIBITED FOR USE.

III. MUNITIONS WHICH ACT THROUGH THE RELEASE OF A NUMBER OF PROJECTILES IN THE FORM OF FLECHETTES, NEEDLES AND SIMILAR, ARE PRHIBITED FOR USE.

IV. ESPECIALLY INJURIOUS SMALL CALIBRE PROJECTILES WHICH ARE SO DESIGNED OR HAVE SUCH VEOLCITY THAT THEY:

- A) BREAK OR DEFORM ON OR FOLLOWING ENTRY INTO A HUMAN BODY, OR
- B) TUMBLE SINGIFICANTLY WITHIN THE HUMAN BODY OR,
- C) CREATE SHOCK WAVES WHICH CAUSE EXTENSIVE TISSUE DAMAGE OUTSIDE THE TRAJECTORY, OR
- D) PRODUCE SECONDARY PROJECTILES WITHIN A HUMAN BODY.

V. ANTI-PERSONNEL LAND-MINES  
ANTI-PERSONNEL LAND MINES MUST NOT BE LAID BY AIRCRAFT."DALE

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